
Oroville Facilities Relicensing FERC Project No. 2100 Plenary Group Meeting

Cultural Resources Work Group
Resource Action Presentation
October 28, 2003



Resource Action Development Process

The Cultural Resources Work Group has:

- distilled the initial list of 66 issues captured in the Issue Tracker into approximately 10 resource objectives
 - identified 30 potential actions to address the resource objectives
 - produced 30 Resource Action Identification Forms
 - reviewed RAIFs and prioritized list of proposals
 - agreed to forward to the Plenary and PDEA Team for further analysis
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Special Circumstances

- Native American participation
 - Numerous Tribes in Oroville area
 - Four federally-recognized Tribes
 - Tribes are unique participants
 - Executive Memorandum on Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments, Executive Memorandum, 59 Fed. Reg. 22,951 (May 1994)
 - FERC Docket No. PL03-4-000: Order No. 635 (July 2003) and related Executive Orders therein
 - ➔ Separate Negotiations
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Special Circumstances

- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
 - Take into account the effects of the undertaking (relicensing) on historic properties
 - Allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation opportunity to comment on the undertaking

- 36 CFR 800
 - Conduct inventory to identify cultural resources within project area of potential effects
 - Evaluate those resources against a set of criteria to determine eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (thus considered “historic properties”)
 - Assess project effects and “seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties”

Sorting of Resource Actions

- Protection/Mitigation
- Enhancement or “Settlement”

Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

■ Protection/Mitigation Actions

- Actions that, if implemented, would provide protection or mitigation as directed by the rules and regulations of Section 106
- Regardless of other settlement measures, obligated to avoid or protect historic properties (i.e., cultural resources determined eligible for listing in the NRHP) or to mitigate impacts to those properties

Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

- Enhancement or “Settlement” Actions
 - ❑ Activities not required by the implementing rules and regulations of Section 106
 - ❑ Prioritized by CRWG at October 2003 meeting
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Protection/Mitigation

Resource Objective: Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (recreation)

- Relocate Car-Top Boat Ramp at Foreman Creek (CRWG1)
 - Boat Ramp Extension at Enterprise (CRWG3)
 - Restrict Public Access at Foreman Creek (CRWG5)
 - Restrict Access to Boat-In Campgrounds during Periods of Low Reservoir Levels (CRWG10)
 - Restrict OHV Access to Culturally Sensitive Areas (CRWG25)
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Protection/Mitigation (cont'd)

Resource Objective: Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (vandalism)

- Site Stabilization at Foreman Creek (CRWG2)
 - Expand Site Stewardship Program (CRWG6)
 - Additional State Park Ranger Positions (CRWG15)
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Protection/Mitigation (cont'd)

Resource Objective: Protection/mitigation of all significant cultural resource values within the APE

- Data Recovery (CRWG8)
 - Relocate Mortar Cupules at Fish Hatchery (CRWG13)
 - Site Stabilization (CRWG19)
 - Modify Wildlife Habitat Management Program (CRWG28)
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Protection/Mitigation (cont'd)

Resource Objective: Inform the public of cultural resource values and provide protection to sensitive cultural resources

- Signage Program (CRWG4*)
 - Develop Publications and Brochures for Cultural Awareness Education (CRWG16*)
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Protection/Mitigation (cont'd)

Resource Objective: Provide areas for traditional Native American activities (e.g., gathering)

- Areas for Collecting Traditional Plants (CRWG24)

Enhancement or “Settlement”

Resource Objective: Provide a heritage village, cultural center, museum, curation facility

- Native American Cultural Complex (CRWG30)
 - Cultural Interpretive Center—Foreman Creek (CRWG29)
 - Cultural Resources Curation Facility (CRWG26)
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Enhancement or “Settlement” (cont’d)

Resource Objective: Incorporate public education in Cultural Resources Management Plan

- Public Education Program in Conjunction with State Curriculum Standards (CRWG7)
 - Associate State Park Archaeologist (CRWG14)
 - State Park Interpreter I at Visitor Center (CRWG18)
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Enhancement or “Settlement” (cont’d)

Resource Objective: Interpretive media and public outreach to maximize the public benefits of heritage values

- Develop Publications and Brochures for Cultural Awareness Education (CRWG16*)
 - Artifact Amnesty Program (CRWG11)
 - Return/Donation of Local Cultural Materials (CRWG17)
 - Historic Culture Education Program (CRWG20)
 - Support Local Native American Festivals (CRWG27)
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Enhancement or “Settlement” (cont’d)

Resource Objective: Interpretive displays to inform the public of cultural resource values in the project area

- Signage Program (CRWG4*)
- Display Enhancement for Visitor Center (CRWG9)

Enhancement or “Settlement” (cont’d)

Miscellaneous

- Restoration and Maintenance of Natural Springs (CRWG12)

Prioritized List of CRWG Proposals

- Top Priority
 - Native American Cultural Complex (CRWG30)
 - Second Priority (tie)
 - Public Education Program in Conjunction with State Curriculum Standards (CRWG7)
 - Develop Publications and Brochures for Cultural Awareness Education (CRWG16)
 - Third Priority (tie)
 - Cultural Interpretive Center – Foreman Creek (CRWG29)
 - Funding Associate State Park Archaeologist (CRWG14)
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Prioritized List of Proposals (cont'd)

■ Fourth Priority (tie)

- Display Enhancement for LOSRA Visitor Center (CRWG9)
 - Cultural Resources Curation Facility (CRWG26)
 - Support Existing Local Native American Festivals (CRWG27)
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Cross Resource Assessment

- CRWG plans to meet with other Work Groups to discuss cross resource issues; for example:
 - Recreation/Socioeconomics Work Group:
 - Relocate Car-Top Boat Ramp at Foreman Creek
 - Boat Ramp Extension at Enterprise
 - Native American Cultural Complex
 - Environmental Work Group (Terrestrial):
 - Areas for Harvesting Traditional Plants
 - Modify Wildlife Habitat Management Program

 - Plenary concerns?
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